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Story of Resilience: Creston Mural Project



The city of Creston launched a downtown facade mural project in 2020 that involved local students in the process of designing and creating more than 20 murals. Iowa PBS recently featured the project in a video called "The Power of Art" as part of its series called "Greetings from Iowa."

WATCH THE VIDEO

Digital Stage Call: 'Balance'

You can see a new handful of Iowa artists and performers on the #IowaKeepsCreating Digital Stage, which the Iowa Arts Council built earlier this year to promote Iowa talent and creativity. The stage's new theme is all about "Balance," featuring videos from:

- ~ Benjamin Handler: [Ghost Creek](#) (Iowa City)
- ~ Iowa Composers Forum: [James Romig: Palindrogram](#) (Des Moines)
- ~ Joshua Dumas and Fannie Hungerford: [Sound of Bee, Form of Ghost](#) (Iowa City)

As always, if *you* would like a turn on the stage, well, step right up and let us know! The next stage theme is "Emerging Artists" (25 and under), coming August.



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SUBMIT AN IDEA

The Lewis Prize for Music's Accelerator Awards



The Lewis Prize for Music's third annual Accelerator Awards is currently accepting applications. Three multi-year awards of \$500,000 each will be awarded in January 2022. Accelerator Awards are open to Creative Youth Development music organizations seeking to influence youth-serving systems so all young people have access to learning, creating and performing experiences that reflect their culture and identity. **Application deadline: July 16.**

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Public Art Opportunities

DART Public Art



The **Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority** is seeking artists for its **Art Shelter Roster**. The roster will be used by central Iowa communities to select artists to design two-dimensional artwork for new DART bus shelters. Artists working in any media are eligible to apply; public art experience is not required. **Application deadline: June 10.**

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Invest DSM



Invest DSM in Des Moines, seeks artists to enliven commercial districts in the **Drake, Highland Park/Oak Park, Columbus Park and Franklin areas**. Qualified artists are sought for shop-window installations, storefront improvements or full-scale façade improvements. **Submissions are due June 6.**

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#IowansUnite Video Contest

Communities can show support for small businesses through the Iowa Economic Development Authority's **#IowansUnite Community Pride video**



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contest. Cities and economic development organizations are invited to submit creative and inspirational videos showcasing the importance of small businesses to their community. The video and town that receives the most votes will be paired up with Iowa artist Ben Schuh, who will design and create a one-of-a-kind mural to welcome visitors to its community. **Submissions are due June 22, with online voting running from June 23 through June 30.**

Call for Entries for 'The Film Lounge'

The sixth season of "The Film Lounge" begins with **short film entries due June 1**. One-hour episodes will appear statewide on Iowa PBS during the first quarter of 2022. If you want your brush with fame and \$500 from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, then submit your film today! The television series is produced in partnership with Iowa PBS, Iowa Arts Council and Produce Iowa. Details can be found at TheFilmLounge.org.



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Grantee Spotlight: Justin Norman



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Iowa Arts Council Grantee Justin Norman released the trailer for "**TubeLords**," a TV series pilot **created with funding from the Greenlight Grants program**. The series follows a group of aging YouTubers who are desperate to retain their channel's popularity on the platform.

First Des Moines Latino Film Festival

The Latino Center of Iowa is hosting the **First Des Moines Latino Film Festival, June 18-20, 2021**, with support from an Iowa Arts Council Arts Project

grant. The goals of the event, which was postponed due to the pandemic, are to provide access to Latino films not available in local theaters, support Latino filmmakers, and connect Iowans to aspects of Latino culture and social life not presented in mainstream media.



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Call for Entries

Community Enhancement Through Architecture & Design Awards



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